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**From:** Verma, Richard R <VermaRR@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 19, 2010 8:37 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Re: Inouye, Feinstein, Cochran, and Alexander letter

On Tuesday morning the Senate will first have the cloture vote on the cr. We will get cloture and then ask them to yield back time and vote on final passage of the cr. We do expect them to yield back some time (how much is unclear) as the govt shut down will occur tues at midnight. Following disposal of the cr, we will have the cloture vote on START. As we get a better sense on timing of the START cloture vote during the day on tues, I will be sure to let Huma and Lona know in case there is a chance you can come by. The vote on ratification will either be very late on wed or on thurs am, depending on whether the Republicans will yield back time.

Wyden is the only Dem expected to miss the ratification vote, but that doesn't change the number of Rs we need. Still need 9, as its 2/3rds of those present (that would be 66 if everyone except Wyden were there).

We are still working on a fairly complex missile defense amendment from Corker and McCain, but I am hopeful we can work something out short of yet another understanding in the Resolution of Ratification, which will put further pressure on the Russians to retaliate. So we are trying very hard to come up with a condition or non-binding declaration. Will keep you posted.

Finally, believe we are ready for the closed session - Feinstein, Kerry and Lugar are well briefed up.

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**From:** H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 19, 2010 05:51 PM  
**To:** Verma, Richard R  
**Subject:** Re: Inouye, Feinstein, Cochran, and Alexander letter

This all sounds very promising. Do you know what time they'll vote on Tuesday? I'd like to be there. Are Kerry and Feinstein fully briefed on everything? Will Lugar help too?

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**To:** H; Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>; Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sun Dec 19 17:23:47 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Inouye, Feinstein, Cochran, and Alexander letter

And this letter will not be out/public until tomorrow...Alexander does not want to go public tonight.

**From:** Verma, Richard R  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 19, 2010 04:50 PM  
**To:** 'HDR22@clintonemail.com' <HDR22@clintonemail.com>; Abedin, Huma; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** Fw: Inouye, Feinstein, Cochran, and Alexander letter

Very significant letter obtained today - with a Cochran and Alexander endorsement of the Treaty.

From: Turk, David M  
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2010 04:45 PM

To: Verma, Richard R: ' [REDACTED]

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From: Dixon, Matt (Foreign Relations) <Matt\_Dixon@foreign.senate.gov>

To: Turk, David M

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